

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2024**  
**OF**  
**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**OF**  
**THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

The second regular Commission meeting for February 2024 of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Thurston County was called to order on February 27, 2024. The meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m. Commissioners Linda Oosterman and Chris Stearns were present for the hybrid meeting hosted via Zoom video conferencing and in-person at District Headquarters, located at 1230 Ruddell Road SE, Lacey, Washington 98503; Commissioner Russell E. Olsen was excused from the meeting. District staff present at the meeting include:

- John Weidenfeller, General Manager
- Julie Parker, Assistant General Manager
- Kim Gubbe, Director of Planning and Compliance (DPC)
- Jim Campbell, Director of Field Operations (DFO)
- TaSeana Tartt, Finance and Customer Service Manager (FCSM)
- Blake Nylund, Planning and Compliance Specialist
- Kurin Miller, Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) and Clerk to the Board
- Kalelia Gipson, Customer Service Representative and Associate Clerk to the Board

**Call to Order:**

Commissioner Oosterman called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Commissioner Stearns made a motion to approve the agenda as amended: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

**Consent Calendar:**

Approval of Minutes: February 6, 2024, February 13, 2024

Prequalification of Contractors: None

Correspondence: None

Voucher Approval:

- 1) Accounts Payables: February 14, 2024, February 21, 2024
- 2) Payroll: February 20, 2024

Other:

- 1) Emergency Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements, Pattison 500 – February 15, 2024
- 2) Excuse Commissioner Olsen from the Regular Commission Meeting – February 27, 2024
- 3) Emergency Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements, Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 – February 25, 2024

**Approval of Consent Calendar:**

**Commissioner Stearns made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor.**

**Public Comment:**

There were two members of the public present, but they declined to provide public comment.

**Information or Discussion of Operations/Policy Issues:**

**Introduction of New District Employee – Blake Nylund, Planning and Compliance Specialist**

DPC Gubbe introduced the District's new Planning and Compliance Specialist, Blake Nylund. Mr. Nylund spoke about his personal and professional background with the Commissioners.

**Action/Approval Items:**

**Resolution 24-05, Thurston PUD Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commitment**

**Commissioner Stearns made a motion to approve Resolution 24-05, Thurston PUD Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commitment, as presented: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all present in favor.**

**Resolution 24-06, 1<sup>st</sup> Amended 2024 Capital Budget**

**Commissioner Stearns made a motion to approve Resolution 24-06, 1<sup>st</sup> Amended 2024 Capital Budget, as presented: Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all present in favor.**

**Commissioner Signatures/Break:** None

**Presentations:**

GM Weidenfeller reported on several items, including PFAS grants and personnel changes at the District. Commissioner Stearns asked about the District's financial dashboard. Commissioner Oosterman asked about expanding on water rights. GM Weidenfeller addressed the Commissioners' questions.

DFO Campbell reported on work the Field Operations staff has recently performed and a few water service emergencies that occurred within the past few weeks. Commissioner Stearns commented on emergency situations related to the Skookumchuck River. Commissioner Oosterman asked about recent issues with the Biscay Acres 675 water system and stock for parts, supplies, and equipment. DFO Campbell addressed the Commissioners' questions.

DPC Gubbe spoke briefly about the emergency call that recently occurred at the Tanglewilde-Thompson Place 600 water system.

The Board discussed several topics with District staff, including financial data, property tax assessments, and election information.

**Commissioner Topics, Discussions, and Reports:**

Commissioner Stearns reported on the meetings he recently attended, including PUD Day on the Hill, the WPUDA Association meetings, and the Chehalis Basin Partnership meeting. The Commissioner also elaborated on a topic he addressed earlier in the meeting and spoke about river dam removal and the effects of flooding.

Commissioner Oosterman attended a meeting today on fire preparedness and reported on several items, including emergency management meetings, computer security issues, and upcoming elections and recently announced candidates. Commissioner Oosterman also asked that during this election year, Commissioners and District staff refrain from letting personnel outside of the District know when individuals are out of town due to security reasons.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjournment:** Commissioner Stearns made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Oosterman seconded the motion; the motion passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

**Assignments:**

- 1) Schedule to have each Commissioner bring in their District-issued computer to connect with the network.
- 2) Provide a copy of the recent EPA presentation to Commissioner Oosterman.

*Linda Oosterman*

Linda Oosterman (Mar 18, 2024 11:11 PDT)

Linda Oosterman, Commissioner and President

Attest:

*Christopher Stearns*

Christopher Stearns (Apr 25, 2024 15:05 PDT)

Christopher Stearns, Commissioner and Secretary












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